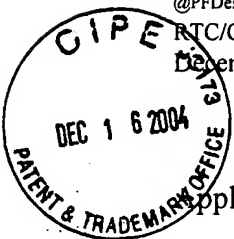


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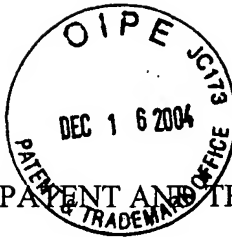
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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 30, 2004, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

**Rejection of Claims 1, 3-4, 7-11, 13, and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3-4, 7-11, 13, and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,842,549, issued to Johnson on October 22, 1974, (hereinafter, "Johnson") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,343,586, issued to Vosbikian on September 6, 1994 (hereinafter, "Vosbikian"). The Examiner states that Johnson discloses a sanding system comprising substantially all of the subject matter set forth in Claims 1, 3-4, 7-11, 13, and 16-19